(एच०एस०सी०एल०) में कार्यरत कर्मचारियों की कुल संख्या निम्न प्रकार है:—

कार्यपालक	:	1565
गैर-कार्यपालक/श्रमिक	:	12452
कुल	:	14017

(ख) 1.6.1998 तक की स्थिति के अनुसार, एच०एस०सी०एल० के पास 61 परियोजनाएं हैं।

(ग) गत पांच वर्षों के दौरान कम्पनी को हुई हानि का ब्यौरा नीचे दिया गया है:—

वर्ष	हानि (करोड़ रुपये)
1993-94	86.50
1994-95	95.85
1995-96	114.64
1996-97	132.57
1997-98 (अनन्तिम)	225.90

(घ) एच०एस०सी०एल० में वेतन न दिए जाने के कारण निम्नलिखित हैं:—

(1) पांचवे वेतन आयोग की सिफारिशों को स्वीकार करने और उन्हें लागू करने फलस्वरूप मजदूरी तथा वेतन में वृद्धि।

(2) अतिरिक्त कार्यबल।

(3) कारोबार में कमी।

(4) ग्राहकों से देय राशि की वसूली में विलम्ब।

Sail Losses

2853. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) has been incurring heavy losses during the recent period;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the units under Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) are suffering from heavy inventory stock for some time; and

(d) if so, the unit-wise details in this regard and also the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI RAMESH BAIS): (a) and (b) Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) has been consistently making profits for the last more than 10 years. It has earned a Net Profit (before tax) of Rs. 149 crores (provisional) in the last year, i.e. 1997-98.

(c) and (d) Due to adverse market situation arising out of depreseed demand and surplus availability, inventory had registered an increase in the units of Steel Authority of India Limited., However, during the first three months of the current financial year, inventory has been brought down from approximately 1.23 million tonnes (provisional) on 1st April, 1998 to approximately 1.14 million tonnes on 1st July, 1998.

Mining Projects in Private Sector

2854. DR. JAGANNATH MISHRA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of projects in the mining industry that had been given to the private sector;

(b) the number out of them given to the foreign mining companies;

(c) the modalities adopted for giving the mining rights;

(d) the overall benefits of such leasing of mining rights to private parties;

(e) whether Government have identified any new areas for mining of precious metals in the country; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI RAMESH BAIS): (a) Mining acitivity in the country has historically been undertaken both, by public sector as well as private sector comapnies. As on May, 1998 there were 8,752 mining leases which have been granted to private sector in the country.

(b) and (c) Prospecting and mining rights are granted by the concerned State

Governments in accordance with the provisions of Mines and Minerals (Regulation and Development) Act, 1957 and the Rules framed thereunder. As per the Mines and Minerals (Regulation & Development) Act, 1957 prospecting and mining rights can be granted only to an Indian National or to a company registered in India under the Companies Act, 1956.

So the question of granting of mining rights to foreign mining companies does not arise. The Govt. of India had, on 30.10.1996 issued guidelines for grant of large areas for aerial prospecting under the provisions of Mines and Minerals (Regulation and Development) Act, 1957. In pursuance of these guidelines, the Govt. has approved 36 such proposals received from the State Governments of Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Gujarat and Bihar. These prospecting licences have been given to Indian subsidiaries/joint ventures of foreign mining companies and to Indian companies having technical collaboration with foreign companies, details of which are given in the Statement (*See below*).

(d) Leasing of mining right to private parties is likely to increase the domestic production of minerals, provide additional employment to the local people, increase capital investment and result in technology development.

(e) and (f) As per information available, Geological Survey of India (GSI) has located new deposits of precious metals (Gold/platinum ore) in Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Kerala and Orissa. The details are as follows:

GOLD ORE

Karnataka: Hira Buddini (Raichur district), Chinmulgund and Nagavi (Dharwar district), Ajjanahalli West and G.R. Halli South Block (Chitradurga district);

Andhra Pradesh: Dona Temple (Kurnool district) and Kudithanapalli (Chittoor district);

Rajasthan: Anandpuri-Bhukia (Banswara district);

Madhya Pradesh: Gurharpahar West (Sidhi district) ;

Maharashtra: Parsori West: Block & Kitari Block (Nagpur district);

Kerala: Kappil (Malappuram district) ;

PLATINUM ORE (PGE)

Orissa: Poula-Nuasahi (Kendujhar district).

Statement

Details of Approvals given for aerial prospecting over large areas in pursuance of guidelines issued by the Government of India on 30th Oct., 1996

Sl. No.	Name of the Company	Minerals	Area/Distt/State
1.	M/s. BHP Mineral India (P) Ltd.	Copper, lead, zinc, gold & associated minerals	2532.14 Sq. Kms. Distts. Tonk, Ajmer, Bundi, Bhilwara (Rajasthan)
2.	M/s. BHP Minerals India (P) Ltd.	Copper, lead, zinc, gold & associated minerals	2637.58 Sq. Kms. Distts. Tonk, Sawai Madhopur & Bundi (Rajasthan)
3.	M/s. BHP Minerals India (P) Ltd.	Copper, lead, zinc, gold & associated minerals	2305.64 Sq. Kms. Distts. Jaipur, Tonk, Sawai Madhopur (Rajasthan)
4.	M/s. BHP Minerals India (P) Ltd.	Copper, lead, zinc, gold & associated minerals	903.84 Sq. Kms. Distts. Bhilwara, (Rajasthan)
5.	M/s. CRA Exploration India (P) Ltd.	Copper, lead, zinc, gold & associated minerals	1951.52 Sq. Kms. Distt. Ajmer(Rajasthan)

Sl. No.	Name of the Company	Minerals	Area/Distt./State
6.	M/s. Hindustan Zinc Ltd.	Copper, lead, zinc, gold, silver & associated minerals	2777.30 Sq. Kms. Distt. Bhilwara (Rajasthan)
7.	M/s. Hindustan Zinc Ltd.	Copper, lead, zinc, gold, silver & associated minerals	2339.58 Sq. Kms. Distts. Ajmer & Tonk (Rajasthan)
8.	M/s. Hindustan Zinc Ltd.	Copper, lead, zinc, gold, silver & associated minerals	2329.31 Sq. Kms. Distts. Tonk & Jaipur (Rajasthan)
9.	M/s. Hindustan Zinc Ltd.	Copper, lead, zinc, gold, silver & associated minerals	2344.37 Sq. Kms. Distt. Ajmer (Rajasthan)
10.	M/s. Metmin Finance & Holding Ltd.	Copper, lead, zinc, gold & associated minerals	181.47 Sq. Kms. Distt. Sirohi (Rajasthan)
11.	M/s. Metmin Finance & Holdings Ltd.	Copper, lead, zinc, Nickel, gold, silver & associated minerals	44.00 Sq. Kms. Distt. Dungarpur (Rajasthan)
12.	M/s. Metmin Finance & Holdings Ltd.	Copper, lead, zinc, Nickel, gold, silver & associated minerals	138.62 Sq. Kms. Distt. Dungarpur (Rajasthan)
13.	M/s. ACC-CRA Exploration (India) (P) Ltd.	Copper, lead, zinc, gold, silver, bismuth, cadmium & associated minerals	517.00 Sq. Kms. Distts. Sikar & Jhunjhunu (Rajasthan)
14.	M/s. Meridian Minerals India (P) Ltd.	Copper, lead, zinc, gold, silver, Cadmium, Bismuth & associated minerals	670.985 Sq. Kms. Distt. Banswara (Rajasthan)
15.	M/s. Meridian Minerals India (P) Ltd.	Lead, Zinc, Copper, Gold, Silver, Cadmium, Bismuth & associated minerals	632.84 Sq. Kms. Distt. Bharatpur (Rajasthan)
16.	M/s. Metmin Finance & Holdings Ltd.	Copper, lead, zinc, nickel, gold, silver & associated minerals	300 Sq. Kms. Distt. Jhunjhunu (Rajasthan)
17.	M/s. Metmin Finance & Holdings Ltd.	Copper, lead, zinc, nickel, gold, silver & associated minerals	348.40 Sq. Kms. Distt. Sirohi (Rajasthan)
18.	M/s. Metmin Finance & Holdings Ltd.	Copper, lead, zinc, nickel, gold, silver & associated minerals	106.00 Sq. Kms. Distt. Sirohi (Rajasthan)
19.	M/s. Metmin Finance & Holdings Ltd.	Copper, lead, zinc, nickel, gold, silver & associated minerals	71.00 Sq. Kms. Distt. Sirohi (Rajasthan)
20.	M/s. Metmin Finance & Holdings Ltd.	Copper, lead, zinc, nickel, gold, silver & associated minerals	1350 Sq. Kms. Distts. Sikar & Nagaur (Rajasthan)
21.	M/s. Meridian Minerals India (P) Ltd.	Copper, lead, zinc, gold, silver, cadmium, bismuth & associated minerals	2812.50 Sq. Kms. Distts. Alwar and Dausa (Rajasthan)

Sl. No.	Name of the Company	Minerals	Area/Distt./State
22.	M/s. BHP Minerals India (P) Ltd.	Copper, lead, zinc, gold & associated minerals	1310 Sq. Kms. Distts. Bilwara & Ajmer (Rajasthan)
23.	M/s. BHP Minerals India (P) Ltd.	Copper, lead, zinc, gold & associated minerals	1486 Sq. Kms. Distts. Bhilwara, Rajasamand & Ajmer (Rajasthan)
24.	M/s. Metmin Finance & Holdings Ltd.	Copper, lead, zinc, gold, silver, nickel & associated minerals	236.00 Sq. Kms. Distt. Sirohi (Rajasthan)
25.	M/s. Metmin Finance & Holdings Ltd.	Copper, lead, zinc, gold, silver, nickel and associated minerals	50.25 Sq. Kms. Distt. Banaskantha (Gujarat)
26.	M/s. Metmin Finance & Holdings Ltd.	Copper, lead, zinc, gold, silver, nickel & associated minerals	156.00 Sq. Kms. Distt. Banaskantha (Gujarat)
27.	M/s. Meridian Minerals India (P) Ltd.	Lead, zinc, copper, gold, nickel, silver, bismuth cadmium & associated minerals	3162.50 Sq. Kms. Distt. Udaipur (Rajasthan)
28.	M/s. Meridian Minerals India (P) Ltd.	Lead, zinc, copper, gold, & associated minerals	2100.00 Sq. Kms. Distts. Nagaur & Churu (Rajasthan)
29.	M/s. Meridian Minerals India (P) Ltd.	Lead, zinc, copper, gold, bismuth, cadmium, silver & associated minerals	311.125 Sq. Kms. Distt. Ajmer (Rajasthan)
30.	M/s. RBW Minerals Industries Ltd.	Lead, zinc, copper, gold, nickel, silver, cadmium & associated minerals	100.87 Sq. Kms. Distt. Pali (Rajasthan)
31.	M/s. RBW Minerals Industries Ltd.	Lead, zinc, copper, gold, cadmium, silver & associated minerals	3875.00 Sq. Kms. Distts. Bundi, Tonk, Bhilwara and Chittorgarh (Rajasthan)
32.	M/s. RBW Minerals Industries Ltd.	Lead, zinc, copper, gold, nickel, bismith, cadmium, silver & associated minerals	3000.00 Sq. Kms. Distts. Pali & Rajsasamand (Rajasthan)
33.	M/s. Geomysore Services (India) Pvt. Ltd.	Copper, lead, zinc, gold, molybdenum, diamond, nickel and platinum	3490.00 Sq. Kms. Distts. Nagpur, Bhandara & Gadchiroli (Maharashtra)
34.	M/s. Phelps Dodge Exploration India Pvt. Ltd.	Copper and associated minerals	2472 Sq. Kms. Distts. Singhbhum (East) and Singhbum (West), Bihar
35.	M/s. WSIL Minerals Sands India Pvt. Ltd.	Copper, lead, zinc, gold, silver & associated minerals	1709.705 Sq. Kms. Bhilwara, Ajmer Pali & Rajasamand (Rajasthan)
36.	M/s. WSIL Minerals Sands India Pvt. Ltd.	Copper, lead, zinc, gold, silver & associated minerals	1200.00 Sq. Kms. Distts. Udaipur (Rajasthan)
		TOTAL	5191.55